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The following troops have been identified in Kosice:

1. An army corps command (ZVV) in Mészáros Gasse, in the building formerly occupied by the Hungarian corps command.
2. A rifle regiment, in the barracks bounded by Postava, Moisesova and Kuzmira streets. The men wear red shoulder boards with a darker red rim. One battalion of this regiment is in the barracks in the Kuzamiro-Okruzna. It has about 700 men.
3. An AAA regiment in a barracks in the southern part of the town.
4. A mountain artillery regiment in the artillery barracks on Kukucinova Gasse. The regiment is horse and mule-drawn.
5. A motorized artillery section, [sig] stationed in the former Hungarian Bem Jozsef barracks. It has about 750 men, and belongs to a new artillery regiment.
6. A horse-drawn train section, [sig] in the former Hungarian Thokoly barracks, about 700 to 750 men strong.
7. A parachute regiment, whose command and staff are in the army corps barracks on Mészáros Gasse.
8. The 1st Battalion of this regiment is in the former artillery barracks at the corner of Kukuchinova and Djelostreicks streets. It has about 550 men. They are young, 18 to 20 years old. Even the cadres and members of the staff are not above 25. There are two jumping towers in the courtyard of the barracks, and basic training is conducted there.

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9. The 2nd Battalion of the regiment is in the infantry barracks on Skladna Gasse, near the army provisions depot. The battalion has 360 to 400 men, belonging to the older classes. There is no jumping tower.
10. The 3rd Battalion of the regiment is in the barracks on Komenského Gasse. It has 550 to 570 men. This is a training battalion. There are two jumping towers in the court of the barracks.
11. An artillery unit of unknown strength, stationed in the former cavalry barracks.
12. A drivers' school of about battalion strength in the former Ben barracks.
13. A depot of provisions and weapons, belonging to the corps command, near the Thököly barracks.
14. South of the town is the old airfield between the Miskolc-Košice railroad and the Miskolc-Košice road. The field is not now in use, and its barracks are occupied by an AAA regiment. At the southern edge of this field there is major building activity, said to be the construction of a large new munitions factory.

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